THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The reduced availability of water in the habitat leads to a lowerine of physical vitality of the animals due to impoverished diet and an increase in the danger of contagion of disease transmitted by domestic stock. The chances of fire in the drier part of the habitat is also increased.

The details of Central assistance released so far specifically to counter these effects of drought on wild life in the various States is as under:—

State	Amount in Rs. lakhs
Andhra Pradesh	3 60
Gujarat	15.55
Karnataka	9 10
Kerala	11.97
Madhya Pradesh	8 35
Rajasthan	8 00
Total	56.57

This was in addition to other Central assistance given each year; supporting measures which, *inter alia*, aimed at enhancing water supply for Wildlife conserving the habitat and in preventing competition with livestock.

Custodians of seized Narcotics and Drugs

3441. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that very senior officials of proven integrity are entrusted with the custody of the seized narcotics and drugs;

(b) if so, what are the details of such custodians in Ahmedabad, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Punjab;

(c) what are the safeguards adopted in general for prevention of the seized narcotics and drugs from being pilfered and recycled in market; and

(c) whether there are instances of such pilferage during the last three years, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) A detailed procedure containing necessary guidelines for storage and safe custody of seized drugs has been circulated to all Central and State enforcement agencies concerned.

In all the places including Ahmedabad, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Punjab, the godowns for sorage of the seized drugs with the enforcement agencies under the Ministry of Finance are placed under the overall supervision and charge of a gazetted officer of the concerned enforcement agency.

(c) Detailed documents for receipt, storage, handling, etc. as prescribed in the above guidelines are strictly followed and thedrugs are stored in safe and secure places. Whereever feasible the drugs are kept in strong rooms.

(d) No, Sir.

Allegation against Director General of Police, Punjab

3442. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH. MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Smt. Rupan Bajaj, IAS, a special Secretary in the Punjab Government has lodged an FIR against Shri K. P. S. Gill, Director General of Policies alleging that Shri

Gill misbehaved with her at a dinner on July 1988, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what are the details of the investigation report; and

(c) what action the Punjab Government is taking in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Smt. Rupan Deol Bajaj an IAS officer of the Government of Punjab has lodged a complaint on 29-7-1988 wih the Inspecor General of Police, Chandigarh (Union Territory) alleging misbehaviour by Shri K. P. S. Gill, IPS, Director General Police, Punjab, at a private dinner party in Chandigarh on 18-7.1988. The matter is being looked into by Chandigarh Police.

Amnesty scheme for FERA Violation

3443. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had announced amnesty scheme for FERA violation sometime in 1985;

(b) if so, what was the period for which this scheme was valid;

(c) whether the period was extended and if so, for how long; and

(d) what are the names of those who sought amnesty during the extended period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) FERA Amnesty Scheme was announced by the Government on 6th November, 1986.

(b) The Scheme was valid upto 31st March, 1987.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Working of MITCO

3444. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether MITCO is not yet able even to pay salaries, etc. to its employees regularly even after its creation as a subsidiary unit of the MMTC 15 years ago;

(b) wheher MMTC has been regularly helping MITCO in the matter of payments of salaries but not for the dues of mica dealers;

(c) whether any inquiry has been made into the irregularities by MITCO in the purchases and into the payment of lesser prices to the mica dealers than the MITCO prices and into the bogus stock-piling etc., if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(d) what follow-up action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise

Stock of Mica with MITCO

3445. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to verify the stock-pile of mica with MITCO if so, by when and if not what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the volume of processed mica export is fast decreasing and f.o.b. prices are being increased in